(b) whether the building was asked for the use of the First-class Bench Court, and with what result; and

(c) whether the First-class Bench Court is occupying a rented building, what monthly rent it pays and since when?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Prisons and Prisoners

Sleeping accommodation for 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail were allowed last year to sleep on the verandas, as the rooms were hot and so could not be locked up;

(b) whether it was the Inspector-General of Prisons who inspected the jail and recommended the sleeping of 'A' class prisoners on the verandas;

(c) whether the 'A' class prisoners are now locked up in their rooms at night; and

(d) if so, for what reasons the privilege is now denied to them and on whose instructions?

A.—(a) *to* (d) The information has been called for.

Milk and bread diet for 'A' and 'B' class prisoners during nights.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkaveeu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that such of the 'A' and 'B' class prisoners who are not accustomed to rice diet in the nights were allowed to have bread and milk diet;

(b) whether the above arrangement has now been given up and the prisoners asked to take rice diet;

(c) if so, why the bread and milk diet in the nights is discontinued and for how long; and

(d) whether the health of such prisoners has been seriously injured thereby?

A.—(a) *to* (d) The information has been called for.

Irrigation

Estimates for a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank.

* 601 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any estimates were prepared to dig a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank;